THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): No, Sir. But the Government have repeatedly stated that Pakistan's continuing assistance to the supporters of Khalistan is bound to adversely affect our bilateral relations, Government, however, remains committed to improving relations with all neighbours, including Pakistan.

Retirement age of Class-I Officers

1348. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age of retiring Class-I Officers of the Central Government varies from post to post;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the age of superannuation of Class-I Officers in all the Ministries and Department of the Central Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to rationalise the age in respect of superannuation of all Class I Officers in all the Ministries and Departments and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Age of retirement of Central Government employees is governed by Rule 56 of the Fundamental Rules. Under this rule, the age of retirement of all Group 'A' Central government employees is 58 years and every such employee is to retire from service on the last date of the month in which he attains that age. Where. in view of some special reasons circumstances. any Ministry/ Department feel that the deviation from the above Rule is necessary in favour of any category of government employees belonging to a Service controlled by them. they obtain the approval of the Cabinet in this regard. For example, the retirement age of certain categories of scientific and technical personnel has been fixed at 60 years.

Eve-teasing in the Delhi Transport Corporation

1349. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested for eve-teasing from the Delhi Transport Corporation buses in Delhi during last one year and in the month of April, 1986 so far;

(b) what action has been taken against the persons arrested for eve-teasing;

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines to the Delhi Transport Corporation bus conductors, drivers and the general public to deal with such cases of eve-teasing in Delhi Transport Corporation buses; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) During the year 1985. and 1986 (upto 30-4-1986), 42 and 200 persons respectively were arrested for eve-teasing in the Delhi Transport Corporation buses. However, in the month of April 1986, only 11 persons were arrested in this regard.

(b) Action against the persons arrested for eve-teasing has been taken under the provisions of law.

(c) No such guidelines have been issued by the Government. However, instructions have been issued from time to time by the Delhi Transport Corporation to its drivers and conducors to see that no lady passenger is subject to harassment by anti-social elements in the buses.

(d) Does not arise.